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(Unclassified - GLC) Advised Mr. Indritz, on the staff of the House Committee on Government Operations, that we had met with Mr. Koffsky, of Department of Justice, and discussed with him the Committee's proposed amendment to H.R. 7865, the Pinkerton Detective Agency bill. I advised Indritz that since this language had not been fully coordinated in the Department of Justice, we were not in a position to comment on it ourselves but we would maintain contact with Justice and if we felt the Agency still had a problem would work with the Department in attempting to suggest alternative language. Indritz again indicated he was perfectly willing to consider any language which might be agreed upon by Justice and ourselves but seemed somewhat irritated that we were not providing a specific comment at this time. He said he would pass this information on to Chairman Dawson and the Chairman would probably wish to have the Department of Justice and the Agency testify at Committee hearings on this amendment. I advised Indritz that we had been in touch with Mr. Dawson on other matters of a sensitive nature and he had been most understanding of our problem and that while we would be unable to testify openly on the bill, I was sure if we had a problem with the language, we would be perfectly willing to make our position clear to the Chairman. I queried Indritz as to whether the Committee had contacted Department of Defense on this proposed amendment. He said they had not since they had received a no objection comment on the original bill from Defense. Indritz then suggested we might wish to discuss it with Defense. I demurred to this suggestion adding that the Department of Justice was the agency of primary interest in the Executive Branch and I did not feel it appropriate for the Agency to attempt to coordinate this language with Defense.

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